

debris, searching for remains and personal items to bring closure to families. They worked closely with faith leaders to ensure search and rescue efforts were done with respect.

I also would like to personally thank MDPD Director Alfredo Ramirez III, Chief Rosanna Cordero-Stutz, Officer Deborah Valdes, as well as every law enforcement officer, victim advocate, and individual at the MDPD for heeding the tremendous call of duty to assist with missing persons reports and identification and notification processing for the victims and their families. This was an extremely difficult task, and they worked around the clock to bring order, comfort, and often closure to the families. Our hearts go out to all of those that lost loved ones.

I would also like to thank the MDPD chaplains who did everything they could to support the needs of those responding to the collapse and to all of the families that were impacted by this tragedy. The chaplains were a source of comfort and ensured that the emotional and religious needs of the families and first responders were met.

The MDPD also offered countless resources to the community, ensuring that short-term and long-term needs were met, including counseling and comfort, shelter, and assistance to all who needed it. They were instrumental in making sure that families were constantly updated and that all of their questions were answered in a timely and efficient manner, to the greatest extent possible. They provided as much transparency and kindness as they could during this unimaginable tragedy.

The MDPD teams worked to recover personal property and religious artifacts and followed careful collection protocols. They worked around the clock to ensure all recovered personal property and family heirlooms were treated with the utmost respect and with great consideration for faith traditions when recovering items of religious significance. So many came together, as one, in the relentless pursuit to save lives. We honor the precious lives lost and pay homage to loved ones and all those that have suffered immensely.

Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day to keep Floridians safe, and this was no exception. We can never thank them enough for their bravery, self-sacrifice, and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I are praying for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING THE SHUL OF BAL HARBOUR

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the selfless service of the individuals who responded to

horrific tragedy in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021, when the Champlain Towers South condo building suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night.

Our Jewish Community, particularly Orthodox Jews, have been especially affected by this tragedy. We are incredibly grateful for the service and compassionate care of Rabbi Sholom Lipskar, Rebbetzin Chani Lipskar, Rabbi Schneur Lipskar, community leaders, The Shul members, volunteers, and all of those who worked selflessly to support our Jewish community and provided comfort during this time of need.

In the days following the Surfside tragedy, the world watched as our Jewish community united to assist and console friends, neighbors, and the countless families and individuals affected by the collapse. The outpouring of love and support was absolutely incredible, even amidst such tragedy. Hundreds gathered every day at The Shul of Bal Harbour to pray that survivors would be found.

The Surfside Jewish community has always held service and generosity to others in high regard and practiced giving daily. When the tragic collapse took place, the community quickly sprang into action. The Shul became a resource center for survivors, family members of victims, as well as first responders and rescue teams.

Hundreds were hosted by The Shul for Shabbat meals. Folding tables set up in The Shul were piled high with clothing, toys, food, electronics, and household goods for those who lost everything in the collapse. An emergency fund set up by The Shul raised funds to be disbursed directly to the victims and families. The Surfside Jewish community was a vital lifeline of support and comfort in the midst of unimaginable pain and tragedy.

There were numerous members of the synagogue that were victims of this terrible tragedy, and our hearts are heavy for them. We pray for those who were unexpectedly lost. They had great faith and served their synagogue faithfully. They will be missed greatly. Let us pray that their memory be a blessing. Ann and I continue to pray for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING UNITED HATZALAH

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the individuals who responded to horrific tragedy in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021, when the Champlain Towers South condo building suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night.

Our Jewish Community, particularly Orthodox Jews, have been especially affected by this tragedy. We are incredibly grateful to United Hatzalah for rushing in to respond following the

building collapse. They swiftly heeded the call of duty to help provide emergency medical services. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes, and we can never thank them enough for their bravery and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy.

International rescue crews and emergency support organizations from Israel responded to the site to aid in the search, rescue, and recovery efforts. United Hatzalah is an Israeli volunteer-based emergency medical services organization based in Jerusalem. Its mission is to provide immediate medical intervention during the critical window between the onset of an emergency and the arrival of traditional ambulance assistance. It is one of many Hatzalah organizations in various parts of the world.

United Hatzalah of Israel sent a team to Surfside to assist the community and provide psychological support and stabilization to all those affected by the tragedy. Ann and I continue to pray for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING ZAKA

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the first responders who responded to the horrific tragedy on June 24, 2021, when the Champlain Towers South condo building in Surfside, FL, suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night.

Our Jewish Community, particularly Orthodox Jews, have been especially affected by this tragedy. We are incredibly grateful to ZAKA for immediately rushing in to respond following the building collapse. They swiftly heeded the call of duty to aid in rescue and recovery efforts. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes.

International rescue crews and emergency support organizations from Israel responded to the site to aid in the search, rescue, and recovery efforts. ZAKA Search and Rescue, a non-profit based in Israel, specializes in search and rescue and recovering remains for proper burial under Jewish law. ZAKA sent rescue workers to Surfside to provide critical support and assist with identifications and burial preparation. They worked tirelessly and relentlessly to make sure that the needs of the community were met.

ZAKA offered resources, support, and comfort to the survivors and community in Surfside. In the face of tremendous loss, ZAKA heeded the call to action, and for that, we will be eternally grateful. We can never thank them enough for their bravery and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I continue to pray for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved